State. As per existing norms, SAI provides need based coaches, 8 coaches at each SCCs, and two coaches at DCC. No coaches are provided at the village level.

(c) Yes, Sir.

The Government had started a scneme of rural sports programme in 1970-71. The scheme is specifically design to encourage sports participation amongst rural youth and to tap talented sports persons from rural area and provide them facilities and scientific training to nurture their talents with a view to achieve excellence in sports.

Football Academy in Assam

2944. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government to set up a football academy in Assam; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal, in view of the fact that eight boys had represented Indian School Junior Team to Korea in 1998 and another six boy have been selected to represent Indian School Team to Bangkok to play Asia Cup School Tournament, from 1st to 12th August, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAJ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since there is no proposal question does not arise.

Selection of Sports Disciplines for International Events

2945. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Olympic Association is the sole authority for enlisting the sports disciplines for inclusion in international events;

(b) if so, what are the details of sports disciplines in which India is participating in the Sydney Olympics 2000;

(c) what are the basic criteria adopted for inclusion of any sports disciplines in the international arena;

(d) whether the criteria of selection of any sports disciplines can be amended with a view to making the country's image in the international spheres; and

(e) if so, who is competent to do so and when it whould be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India has qualified to participate in XXVII Olympic Games to be held from 5th September, 2000 to 1 st October, 2000 in the following disciplines as per the qualifying norms laid down by the respective International Federations:—

1. Athletics; 2. Badminton; 3. Boxing; 4. Hockey (Men); 5. Judo; 6. Rowing; 7. Shooting; 8. Swimming; 9. Table Tennis; 10. Tennis; 11. Weightlifting; 12. Wrestling.

(c) Each International Federation had laid down the qualifying standards for participation in the Olympic Games. Only the sports person/team who have achieved the norms are eligible to participate in the Olympic Games.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.